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This Week In Correction

A weekly update of events in the Tennessee Department of Correction

COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE:



Commissioner Little addresses the audience at the Criminal Justice Summit held this week at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Nashville.

Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell joined Commissioner Little and Deputy Commissioner Gayle Ray in welcoming participants to the 2006 Tennessee Criminal Justice Summit. The Commissioner and staff also participated in the Summit held in Knoxville this week.



The purpose of this year's Summit, held in the three regions of Tennessee including Memphis, was to chart a future course for criminal justice in Tennessee.



Wardens attending the Nashville summit included Wayne Brandon, TCIP and Gil Mathis, DSNF



Davidson County Sheriff Daron Hall and David Delbridge, Executive Director of Project Return, listened to speakers at the summit.

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND:

Mr. Alok Deb, Accounting Manager, **TPFW**, passed away on Saturday, June 24 at Gateway Hospital in Clarksville, TN. Funeral services were held on Wednesday.

Warden Jewel Steele said, "TDOC and the Tennessee Prison for Women are very sad about the loss of Mr. Deb. He had a wealth of knowledge and loved coming to work."

Mr. Deb was born in India and came to the United States in 1970. He is remembered by his loving wife Ada Lou Deb, daughter Tushina Franklyn, son Ashok Deb, grandsons Darius Stoner and D'Anta Franklyn as well as a brother, sister, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends throughout the world.



WELCOME ABOARD:



The Human Resources Office is pleased to announce that Ms. Sue Bibb has joined our staff as the new Special Projects Manager. Sue will handle a variety of functions and comes to us from the Department of Safety. She has 17 years of experience with state government, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources. Sue is a graduate of the Tennessee Government Management Institute. She is a valuable addition to our staff and we

are excited to welcome her.

HAVE A GOOD ONE!

Commissioner Little would like to thank the staff for your dedication and service to the Department and the people of the State of Tennessee. "Without the service our staff provides in protecting the community, we couldn't enjoy this Independence Day," said Commissioner Little. The Commissioner would also like to remind everyone to have a safe holiday weekend and have tons of fun!

PROFILES IN CORRECTION: The Untold Story



Wynema Helms, IRSS II, Central Office
Cpl. Roy Capps, CBCX

Even as a child, Wynema Helms dreamed of being a mother. She prayed for a son first and then a daughter. Wynema had a vision of the kind of son she wanted. Some years later, her prayers were answered.

What is it like for the two of you to work for the same Department?

“We’re able to lean on each other. It’s a good support system.

When you’re dealing with inmates in any capacity it helps to have someone close who understands.”

Wynema, how do you feel about your son being a correctional officer?

“It’s scary, I’m not going to lie, but then again I’ve been around long enough to know the statistics. I know he can handle himself. Being at **CBCX** is good experience for him since he wants a career in law enforcement, that’s the best place to learn.”

Cpl. Capps, What is the best part of your job?

“Helping officers that work with me and being a part of a team.

I hope to go as far as I want to go. One thing about corrections is there is always room for advancement.”

What do the two of you do when you’re away from work?

“We don’t talk about corrections unless it’s been a tough day. We like to go to the lake; we have been known to shoot pool. We spend a lot of time together. Along with my daughter, we’re a close family.

Cpl. Capps, what’s the best advice your mom has given you?

“Be true to yourself. She puts it all out there. She’s a sweet, caring person but she speaks her mind.”

Wynema, what has been the best part of having him as a son and what are your hopes for his future?

"I'm proud of his accomplishments. Whatever his aspirations are I'm with him. There have been no bad parts to being his mother. The best part is seeing the man he has become."

QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

"Disappointments are the results of expectations. No expectations, No disappointments!"

-Submitted by John A. Fisher, Special Agent, Internal Affairs

"Happiness keeps you sweet, Trials keep you strong, Sorrows keep you human, Failures keep you humble, Success keeps you glowing, but only GOD keeps you going"

-Submitted by Sandra A. Shands, Secretary, WTSP

"If you don't think everyday is a Good Day, try missing one of them"

-Submitted by, Mrs. Jackie Pevahouse, Administrative Assistant, WCBC